

NOC NEWS

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Day and Location:

With the exception of July, August and December, meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the La Habra Community Center, 101 W. La Habra Blvd., La Habra.

The La Habra Community Center is located west of Euclid on La Habra Blvd.

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The objective and purpose of the North Orange County Gem and Mineral Society is to disseminate knowledge of mineralogy and the earth sciences and to encourage study in these subjects through means of: the presentation of public exhibitions, lectures, slide programs; field trips for explorations, study and collection of specimens; the preparation, publication and distribution of articles and studies pertaining to mineralogy and the earth sciences; the promotion of scientific research in these fields; the encouragement of interest among young people and the fostering of classes in mineralogy and lapidary arts; and all other means which are appropriate to the accomplishment of the primary objectives set forth.

Annual Membership Dues: Individual, \$10; Family, \$15; Juniors, \$3.

Visitors are always welcome at our regular meetings and field trips.

The North Orange County Gem & Mineral Soc. does not yet have a Junior Division.

Material contained in this newsletter may be used if credit is given.

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President's Message

by Don Warthen

Our General Meeting time has been changed! Due to the Community Center closing at 9:00 p.m., we must start the meeting @ **7:00 p.m.** instead of 7:30 p.m. in order to finish our meeting on time. **Please make note of this change starting on our April 13th meeting.**

The show is only about two months away and things are looking very good and we are very excited! We have ordered T-shirts for the show. They should be ready by the April meeting! They look fantastic! There is a limited number available, so get yours early! I think the price will be \$12.00 each. We should also have flyers and tickets at the next meeting.

Everyone is working so hard that we sometimes don't notice what others are doing. We should stop and look around because someone may need our help. At the next meeting just look around and ask someone if they need a helping hand, and if you want to help please see Ofelia. She will appreciate your willingness to lend a helping hand.

April Meeting

Date: April 13
Time: **Changed to 7:00 p.m.**
Place: La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd.
Program: Video - see page 2

Refreshments

by Nancy Bird

Donna Kathy Eschbach will bring the goodies for the April meeting. Thanks to Eleanore for bringing the goodies to the March meeting.

NOC Club Activities

Cab Classes to be determined.

Board Meeting - To be announced

Field Trip — CFMS Field Trip to Afton Canyon
April 25-27, 2003

Deadline for NOC News — April 17.

To know the road ahead, ask those coming back
- Chinese Proverb.

Remember a sense of humor does not mean that you tell him jokes. It means that you laugh at his.

Nursery Pots

Nancy Bird always needs pots - clay or plastic, 4 inch to 1 gallon.

Thanks Nancy

Members in the News

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and have a wonderful day all of you who were born in April.

Barbara Steed - April 6
Trini Hermosillo - April 11
Vicki Marks - April 17
Frieda Pool - April 17
Oscar Veloz - April 24
Joan Abramson - April 27
Dana Matula - April 29

Your gemstone is Diamond.
Your flower is Daisy or Sweet Pea

Shows and Events

via CFMS Web Page

April 3-4, 2004 Torrance, CA

South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society

Torrance Recreation Center

3341 Torrance Blvd.

Hours: 10 - 5 Both Days

Omer Goeden (818) 383-9279

April 24-25, 2004, Haciends Heights, CA

Puente Hills Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.

Steinmetz County Park

1545 Stimson Avenue

Hours: 10 - 5 both days

Paula Hess (562) 696-2270

E-mail: rphess@adelphia.net

April 24-25, 2004, Lancaster, CA

Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club

Antelope Valley Fairgrounds

2551 W. Avenue H

Hours: 10 - 5 both days

Anita Carter (530) 872-1983

May 1-2 2004, Anaheim, CA

Searchers Gem & Mineral Society

48th Annual Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show

Brookhurst Community Center

2271 W. Crescent Ave.

Hours: Sat 10 - 5 Sun. 10 - 4:30

Karen Fox (714) 832-3580

the_rox_fox@yahoo.com

May 15-16, 2004, Yucaipa, CA

Yucaipa Gem & Mineral Society

Yucaipa Community Center

Hours: 10-5 both days

Lee Peterson (909) 794-0731

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May 28-30, 2004, Mariposa, CA

CFMS & Mariposa Mineral & Gem Show

Mariposa County Fairgrounds

One hour from Yosemite Park

CA State Mining and Mineral Museum

209) 742-7625

June 5-6 2004, Glendora, CA

Glendora Gems

Goddard Middle School

859 E. Sierra Madre

Hours: Sat. 10 - 5; Sun. 10 - 4

Mark Thompson (626) 335-3814

June 19-20, 2004, La Habra, CA

NOC Gem & Mineral Society

Jubilee of Gems

La Habra Community Center

101 W. La Habra Blvd,

Hours: Sat 10-5 sun 10-4

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Oct 22-24 2004, Riverside, CA

Valley Prospectors of San Bernardino

Rancho Jurupa Park;

4800 Crestmore

Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 9-4

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April Program

By Izzie

April NOC Program - Video Program - A short program on amethyst that is mined in Arizona. It is same as the Royal Siberian Amethyst, that we have for our Show Donation Award Necklace. The only two places in the world that this amethyst is found in at the 4 Peaks Mine in Arizona and in Siberia. The NOC stone was faceted and donated by Jonas. Loretta may have the stone mounted in 14k Gold at the meeting. Another video either on Diamonds or quartz will, also, be shown.

Our May meeting will be the Speaker from the Hemalaya Turquoise mine which is located near Baker, CA.

NOC General Meeting March 9, 2004

by Susan Hansen

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by President Don Warthen. The flag salute was led by Bill Burns.

Izzic Burns introduced the speaker Michael Kowalsky who presented a program on **Identifying Created Opal**, showing the difference in lab made and natural opals.

After refreshments, Loretta held the drawings, and a Happy Birthday was sung to March birthday celebrants.

The minutes were in the bulletin, Izzie pointed out that the result of the vote on amending the By-Laws, changing dues and listing offices elected alternate years needed to be included. The vote was unanimous with 1 abstention. The minutes were accepted as amended.

Don Livezey gave the Treasurers report, which was accepted as given. Officers have copies.

Field Trip report by Don E. – Stoddard Wells is this weekend Friday through Sunday. Tailgating and collecting trips. Cady Mountain /Afton Canyon Federation trip is coming up April 23-24-25. Other events: GIA seminar in Carlsbad on Jewelry on the 17th of April.

Federation Report – Loretta has the registration forms for the Federation Show on May 28th at Mariposa. There is a kids workshop at Big Pine camp, near Bishop May 28-30. The Federation Bulletin has information on pending legislation on collecting fossils.

Loretta will call a committee meeting to discuss relocating the class/workshop from Walt's Garage.

Show meeting 6 p.m Tuesday March 23 at the La Habra Community Center. We still need someone to re-paint and deliver the banner, also need more security.

Izzy shared a letter from one of the students from the science day gem mounting on January 10.

Nancy announced the Fullerton Arboretum is having their annual tomato sale on Thursday through Saturday.

Ginny announced the daffodils will be out in the mountains in a few weeks and members can visit and stay at Grafton's or Ogden's, if they want to stay over.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m..

Reminder and Helpful Insurance Hints

By Fred Ott, CFMS Insurance Chairperson

Renting vehicles: If your club ever rents a vehicle (car, pickup, van, truck, etc.), make sure that the person who drives that vehicle is adequately insured under their own car insurance policy while driving that rented vehicle. Otherwise, there may be a claim against your club and the Federation's policy.

Club-owned trailers: If your club owns a trailer, you may want to contact a local insurance agent or broker to obtain a separate insurance policy covering the trailer for "physical damage" losses (such as fire, theft, vandalism, collision, etc). This may be an excellent alternative to insuring them under the Federation's policy as a much-lower deductible is usually available under such "recreational vehicle policies" through local insurance agents and the premiums are quite competitive.

Reminder: use only the current forms when requesting insurance documents through the Federation. These forms have "10-16-03" in the lower right-hand corner. Please discard all prior versions of these forms.

An Attorney's Advice

From: email JDLive27

A corporate attorney sent the following out to the employees in his company.

1. The next time you order checks have only your initials (instead of first name) and last name put on them. If someone takes your checkbook they will not know if you sign your checks with just your initials or your first name but your bank will know how you sign your checks.

2. When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the "For" line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.

3. Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a PO Box use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a PO Box, use your work address. Never have your SS# printed on your checks. (DUI!!) You can add it if it is necessary. But if you have it printed, anyone can get it.

4. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine, do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place. I also carry a photocopy of my passport when I travel either here or abroad. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a name, address, Social Security number, credit cards, etc. Unfortunately I, an attorney, have firsthand knowledge because my wallet was stolen last month. Within a week, the thief(s) ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a

credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change my driving record information on-line, and more.

But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know

1. We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them

2. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where it was stolen, this proves to credit providers you were diligent, and is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one). But here's what is perhaps most important: (I never even thought to do his).

3. Call the three national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over the Internet in my name. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit. By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away this weekend (someone turned it in). It seems to have stopped them in their tracks.

The numbers are:
Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742
Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289
Social Security Administration (fraud line):
1-800-269-0271

Change in CFMS By-Laws

*By Beverly Moreau,
Chair, CFMS By-Laws Committee*

In accordance with Article XV of the CFMS By-Laws, notification of changes to the By-Laws must be sent to each Member Society 45 days prior to the date of the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be presented for action.

At the November 2003 Directors' Meeting, a clarification of "Honorary members" in article IV

Dues, Section I was recommended and approved by the Directors. The change was to include the word "CFMS" before "Honorary members." (Some clubs have mistakenly taken "Honorary members" to mean Honorary members of their club.)

The following change on page 4 of the By-Laws will be presented at the May 29, 2004 Directors' Meeting:

"Section I. The dues of Membership Societies shall be One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) annually per individual member of the local society, regardless of membership classification including Junior members, but excepting CFMS Honorary members. The dues shall be payable on January 1st of each year, based on a membership list of December 31st of the previous year which shall accompany the dues.
Revised 11/03."

Please Share Your Expertise

We need articles in the NOC News by North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society members! Why Don't you share some of your expertise with the rest of us by writing an article for our newsletter?

Sent it by email or snail mail to:

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Fossils in the Fast Lane

*by Ester Cramer
Reprinted with permission from the LaHabra
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Currently there is a wonderful display of prehistoric life in the museum at the Old Orange County Courthouse in Santa Ana. Called "Fossils in the Fast Lane" the exhibit features cases filled with the artifacts unearthed during the construction of the Eastern Toll Road (241). More than 20,000 fossils were discovered over the years during construction.

Among the major fossil finds were megalodon shark teeth, a marine hippo-like creature, shells, sand dollars, mammoths, duckbilled dinosaur, and a primitive lion-like animal.

The exhibit will be open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. until November 22. There is no admission charge and docents are often available for tours. Call (714) 973-6605 to arrange a docent-led tour.

Free Computer Class

*By Jim Sanders, Instructor
via Orange Bytes April 2004*

Santa Ana College (SAC) is offering a free PC computer workshop class. You can start attending at any time.

The class covers just about all aspects of personal computing, software, hardware, building new machines, upgrading/fixing the machine you have.

The class is held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 a.m. till noon in Hammond Hall room H201.

Call the **Centennial Education Center** at (714) 241-5700, class #64200.09

Safety

HEY! DON'T GET LOST!!!!

By Chuck McKie, CFMS Safety Chairman 2004

You drive out into the desert, into the mountains, into the forest. All alone. Maybe someone else is with you but only one car. BAD IDEA. We've all done that. But listen carefully. That IS a bad idea.

You are 150 miles from nowhere. Your car stops. The motor won't start. You kick the tires. Fiddle with the battery connection. Tinker with this, that and everything else. No luck. You decide to walk out. 150 MILES???

Don't you remember your safety rules?
STAY WITH YOUR CAR!!

Your water supply is good. You did bring water, right? NO? I can't believe you forgot water.

There is plenty of water in your radiator. DONT DRINK IT. With antifreeze, it is poisonous. DONT DRINK THE WATER FROM YOUR RADIATOR!!

But somebody will come looking for you shortly because you told everybody where you were going. Your friends, the forest service officers ---ah--- Noooooo???

Forget it. You are history. Years from now when someone stumbles on your remains; bleached bones scattered by hungry animals and a few shreds of cloth, they will erect a small wooden cross to mark your spot.

But let the rest of us go on. We'll get out of our car and put our noses down into the dusty trail with our eyes glued on the ground so we can see that fabulous find we are looking for. We'll stagger this way and that for half an hour, an hour, or 2 or 3. Finally looking up we turn expectantly to look at our car. Our Car! Where is it? It should be right over there! It is really amazing how far we can go when we are just looking here and there.

Now what?

If you are a good Indian tracker, just follow your footprints. I'm more Indian than most of you and even I probably can't do that.

SO?

SO! So far we haven't done very well in our safety planning. Score about a fat round zero. But there is something you could have done. Something YOU can do!

Besides bringing water (and other safety equipment), telling others where and when you are going, getting others to drive with you. You can get a Global Positioning System (GPS). I know that very few of you will buy one. I have one, Dick Pankey and Joe Hafeli (also past Field Trip

Chairmen have and use them.) It is a small hand held device similar to a cell phone.

The military has installed a world wide coverage of satellites so that their airplanes and ships (and now individual people also) can determine exactly where they are anywhere in the world. To within about 15 feet and that includes elevation also. It is a system that uses 3 or more satellites which transmit signals down to the GPS device which mathematically triangulates the data to determine your location.

Some expensive cars now have built in a GPS which also have transmitters to send a signal up to the satellite so its location can be tracked. The hand held GPSs only have receivers.

Most GPSs track your route and display in on a map and they have a program by which you can backtrack yourself.

BUT THIS IS THE REAL TRICK. Don't get lost. Here is how. At some point in your trip, stop and take a reading. Write it down on paper. Yes, the information is on your GPS and you can enter it as a "Way Point." WRITE IT DOWN!

The batteries in the GPS don't last very long. If you have to replace your batteries (YES YES YES take extra batteries) the information is lost. If you have the coordinates written down, after replacing your batteries you can reenter them in your GPS.

The route will not be there but your destination (where you came from) will be and you can guide yourself safely back.

My GPS is about 15 years old and not the best. Maybe the newer ones have better programs.

My duty to you is to try to keep you safe. I've done my best to keep you alive. Try it and I'll see you down the road.

NOC Members List 2004

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